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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10, as follows:

--[[figure]] Figure 1 presents a longitudinal cross-section of the suction device[[]]; ~~and~~

Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 4, line 11:

--Figure 2 is a cross-section similar to figure 1 of an alternative embodiment, with a plunger having a telescopic extension.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 28, as follows:

--In figure 1, means 8 are shown which together with the means 9 associated with the operating means 7 limit the movement of the plunger in the cylindrical space or they can be positioned in such a position with regard to the plunger 6, its operating means 7, or means 9 associated with them, that they do not limit ~~[[hte]]~~ the movement of the plunger 6.--

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Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 6, line 11:

--As shown in figure 2, a telescopic extension 20 of the plunger 6 could instead come into contact and remove the barrier means 12.--

Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 6, line 23:

--The invention being thus described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.--